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RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, June 22, 2007 -- Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 78.8 million pounds during May. This was up 3 percent from one year ago and up 2 percent from last month. For May, pork production and sheep and lamb production were up from one year ago, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 363,800 head during May compared to 351,800 head the year before. Average live weight was 255 pounds, which was down 7 pounds from May 2006.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,700 head during May compared to 1,100 head a year earlier. Average live weight was 139 pounds, which was down 14 pounds from May 2006.

Commercial slaughter data for cattle are not published.

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